

**From:** [Hughes, John P](#)  
**To:** [Alt, Nicole](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Colorado gray wolf 10(j) letters sent to R2 tribes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 10, 2022 10:21:43 AM

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Hi Nicole,

Not trying to beat a dead horse here, but we (R6) did sign and send the letters to the tribal contacts, correct? If R2 wants to send the same letters again under their cover that is fine, but I wanted to make certain that the letters were actually sent.

John

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**From:** Nystedt, John <[john\\_nystedt@fws.gov](mailto:john_nystedt@fws.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Colorado gray wolf 10(j) letters sent to R2 tribes  
Chad and John Hendrix (and Wes),

What are you two thinking about contacting all the potentially interested and affected tribes about this? Chad have you forwarded the 3 letters to staff at Jicarilla, Picuris and Taos yet? I forwarded mine. John Hendrix, FYI the list of 5 OK tribes you saw I sent to COES were based on those tribes' cultural affiliation to lands in CO. Do you think other tribes in OK would be interested/affected?

I'm going to check in with Heather about AZ tribes, but most of the ones we IDed did get letters, so our situation is a little different than in NM and OK. However, I'd like to be as coordinated as possible in our continued outreach.

To that point, R6 is AOK with us continuing to reach out, using the information in their letter as well as their website, which was the source of the newsletter I sent you. Also, Rink has included the CO 10(j) on the agenda for her Mexican wolf Tribal Working Group evening meeting at the NAFWS SW Regional Conference in a couple weeks. (I gave the MWTWG a heads up about the 10(j) a few weeks ago.) I also got the OK from R6 to give the basic facts about the 10(j) at the MWTWG meeting, and then pass on their questions/concerns to R6. And R6 is also receptive to any tribes that inform us they want to be consulted. So, the lines of communication are definitely open.

John Hughes is back in the office, so I also plan to touch base with him on moving forward.

John Hendrix and Chad, please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks everyone!

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**From:** Hendrix, John <john\_hendrix@fws.gov>  
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**Cc:** Hughes, John P <john\_hughes@fws.gov>; Hedwall, Shaula <shaula\_hedwall@fws.gov>; Collins, Ken <ken\_collins@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Colorado gray wolf 10(j) letters sent to R2 tribes  
John,

thanks for the updated information.

John

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Chad, John Hendrix and Wes,

I heard, indirectly through my Field Supervisor, that those 8 were and are the only ones to be sent to tribes in R2. I don't know any more right now. I hope to talk with Heather soon to see how we approach the two tribes in AZ without letters. I know you both have a bunch more. John, no letters went to tribes in OK.

Attached is the newsletter that went out with the letter to tribes, which'll be of interest to tribal staff. The public hearing dates listed have passed but those tribes receiving the letter still have opportunity for consultation. Can't say for sure how well staff other requests but I'm sure we'll honor any request to consult. As soon as I get the chance I'll be emailing tribal staff in AZ the letter with newsletter. And I'll keep you posted if I have anything useful to share.

Wes, I have a staff meeting this morning (and I know you're probably swamped with email, etcetera) but am available noonish on today if you'd like to discuss.

Thanks everyone!

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**From:** Nystedt, John <john\_nystedt@fws.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Colorado gray wolf 10(j) letters sent to R2 tribes  
Good morning John,

Similarly, there were a few more tribes in AZ we identified, plus several in OK.

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**Subject:** Re: Colorado gray wolf 10(j) letters sent to R2 tribes  
Hi John,

I unzipped the file and it looks like the letters went out to 8 Tribes in our region. Can I ask how they were chosen and if there are plans to send out more?

Thanks,  
Chad

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**From:** Hughes, John P <john\_hughes@fws.gov>  
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Heather and Shawn,

Please find attached copies of letters signed by R6 Regional Director Matt Hogan sent to tribes in R2 potentially affected by the promulgation of a 10(j) rule for gray wolf reintroduction in Colorado. We appreciate your assistance in helping identify tribes in your states that may be potentially affected by gray wolf reintroduction activities in Colorado, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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